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COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

INCORPORATED BY NATIONAL DECREE OF 7TH AND 8TH MARCH, 1846.

—and—
BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF 25TH JULY, 1854, AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1866.

—Recognised by the
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30TH APRIL, 1862.

Francs. & Sterling.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, 80,000,000 3,200,000
RESERVE FUND, 20,000,000 800,000

HEAD OFFICE.—14, Rue Bergère, Paris.
LONDON AGENT.—144, Leadenhall St., E.C.

AGENTS.—At Nantes, Lyons, Marseilles, Brussels, Bombay, Calcutta, St. Denis (Île de la Réunion), Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama.
LONDON BANKERS.—Bank of England, Union Bank of London.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the monthly minimum balance, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained at the office.

CHR. DE GUIGNÉ,
Manager.

Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings, Queen's Road, Hongkong, May 14, 1876.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—E. R. BEILFLO, Esq.
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Hongkong, JAMES GREIG, Esq.
Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JAMES GREIG,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

ON SALE.

THE

CHINESE READER'S MANUAL.

A HANDBOOK of Biographical, Historical, Mythological and General Literary References.

BY WILLIAM FREDERICK MATTHEWS.

Price: \$3.

Shanghai, KELLIE & Co.
Hongkong, "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I have this day authorized Mr. J. Y. V. SHAW to sign my name per procura.
A. MACG. HEATON.
Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD WHITTALL in our Firm ceased on the 30th April last.
We have authorized Mr. HERBERT SMITH to sign our Firm.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876. my15

NOTICE.

THE Underigned have entered into Partnership from the First day of January, 1876, in the Business of Ship-brokers at this Port, under the style of MORRIS & RAY.

A. G. MORRIS.
E. O. RAY.

Bank Buildings,
Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

NOTICE.

WE have Established branches of our Firm at Haiphong and Hankow. Mr. ED. CONSTANTIN is authorized to sign by procuration in Tongkin.

LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. J. ALANOR in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last. The Business will be carried on under the style of MEYER & Co.

MEYER, ALABOR & Co.

Hongkong, April 29, 1876. my29

NOTICE.

THE Underigned has been appointed SURVEYOR to LLOYD'S REGISTER at this Port.

R. H. CAIRNS.

1, Club Chambers,
Hongkong, April 20, 1876.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

I BEG to notify that I have been appointed ACTING SUPERINTENDENT for the above Company's Station at this Port from this date.

CARL CHR. BOJENSEN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1876. my6

NOTIFICATION.

IT is herewith notified that a Custom House has been Established at HOI-HOW (海口), the Treaty Port of KIUNGCHOW (瓊州), and has been Opened for transaction of Business under this day's date.

H. O. BROWN,

Commissioner of Customs,
Kiungchow Customs,
Hoi-how, April 1, 1876. my8

For Sale.

JUST RECEIVED.

Ex French Mail Steamer "MEI-KONG."

YELLOW CHARTREUSE, (pinks and quarts).

Extra fine SALAD OIL, from (Bessede, Marseilles).

Imperial PRUNES, in Glass Jars.

SILICIAN NUTS.

JAMS, JELLIES & FRUITS, assorted.

Fine French SAUSAGES, in 1 lb. tins.

Assorted PASTE for SOUP.

French CANVAS, assorted, Nos. 1 to 5.

LYON SAUSAGE, Quite Fresh.

MARSEILLE SAUSAGE.

Superior CLARET, bottled by the Underigned, \$2 per doz.

TUNNY FISH, in oil.

Superior WHITE VINEGAR.

TAPIOCA.

Julienne SOUP, in 1 lb. tin.

TRUFFLES.

MACARONI & VERMICELLI.

French extra fine TOBACCO.

Just Landed Ex S. S. "A.V.A." PEPPERMINT, quarts and pints.

BENEDICTINE, quarts and pints.

French CLAY PIPES.

Raspall's extra fine LIQUOR.

Solemn BEANS.

VANILLA.

CLARET from Bordeaux.

" " Marseilles.

" " To Suit Purchasers.

Raspall's GENUINE LIQUOR from Paris.

Fine White BREAD, in loaves and rolls, manufactured from the finest California Flour, and is the Parisian fashion.

F. VINCENTY,
French Bakery, No 2, Peel Street,
Hongkong, May 3, 1876.

For Sale.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY.

ON and after this Date, the Price of our ICE will be ONE CENT per Pound.

KYLE & RAIN.

Ice Depot, Duddell Street,
Hongkong, May 4, 1876. my18

NOTICE.

TUDOR COMPANY.

ON and after this Date, the Retail Price of our NATURAL ICE will be ONE CENT per Pound.

JOHN F. HORGAN,

Agent,
Tudor Ice House,
Hongkong, May 4, 1876. tl

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

FOR SALE.

THE SOCIETY'S PIANO. May be seen in the City Hall. Tenders to be sent to the Underigned before the 15th Instant.

ROBERT G. ALFORD,

Hon. Secretary,
4, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, May 3, 1876. my10

Intimations.

HONGKONG.

Chs. J. GAUPP & Co.,

WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,
38, Queen's Road,

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,
CHRONOMETERS,

&c., &c., &c.,

Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876. tl

THE MEDICAL HALL,

ESTABLISHED 1853.

TH. KOFFER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, April 28, 1876. ap28

AH YON,

SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE,

No. 57, Praya West.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES.

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

F. KRUPP'S CAST STEEL WORKS,

Essen (Germany.)

Sole Agent for China,
F. PHIL,

HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, COLOMBO (Germany.)

TENDERS are invited for Redditing and Docking the British Barge "VINDEX" up to SATURDAY, at Noon.

For particulars, apply on Board to JOHN PARKHOUSE, Master.

Hongkong, May 4, 1876. my6

COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS.

THE DOCKS being now completed, are capable of DOCKING any size VESSELS frequenting this Port, and executing any REPAIRS required.

A large quantity of SPARS, LUMBER, IRON, COPPER, YELLOW METAL, &c., &c., always kept in Stock at cheap rates.

Length of Dock, 455 Feet.

Breadth do, 92 "

Depth of Water, Springs, 24 "

do, Neaps, 21 "

The following Rates will be charged until further notice:—

Recoopering, including Dockage, Shoring, Labor, Felt, Pitch, Tar and Oakum, 80 cents per Sheet.

Painting Iron Steamers, including Dockage, 2 Coats Paint and 1 Coat Tallow, 36 cents per Ton Gross Register.

Painting Iron Steamers, including Dockage, 1 Coat Paint and 1 Coat Tallow, 50 cents per Ton Gross Register.

For further particulars, apply to W. B. SPREATT & Co.,
9, Praya East,
Hongkong, April 30, 1876.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

DURING my absence from Hongkong the MANAGEMENT of the above Company's Station will be TAKEN OVER by Mr. C. C. BOJENSEN, who has been appointed ACTING SUPERINTENDENT.

A. SUNDEN,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, April 6, 1876. my6

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE Underigned, having been for 13 years in this port as Ship's Compradore and Stevedore, has always on hand

FOR SALE.

First Class Tea Ballast, at 55 cents per ton.

Second " " " 60 " "

Blue Stone Ballast, " 85 " "

Stone Ballast, " 30 " "

Coolies for discharging Rice, " 6 " "

Coolies for discharging General Cargo, " 7 " "

Also,
Fresh PROVISIONS, Oilman's STORES, Paints, Oil, &c., &c. can be had at more moderate rates for Shipmasters than anywhere else at this port. If any Shipmasters require my services, they will please hold No. 5 Flag on the main mast, or apply to No. 57, Praya West (between the Canton Steamers' Wharves.)

AH YON,

Ship's Compradore and Stevedore,
Hongkong, May 2, 1876. au2

IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE REDUCTION OF THE PRICE OF THE

"SHANGHAI COURIER AND CHINA GAZETTE"

IT WILL BE THE

CHEAPEST DAILY PAPER IN CHINA and as a large

INCREASE OF CIRCULATION

MAY BE CONFIDENTLY ANTICIPATED, THE

ADVANTAGE TO

ADVERTISERS

IS OBVIOUS.

Auctions.

By Order of the Mortgagee, under Bill of Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions from the Mortgagee to sell, on

MONDAY,

the 8th May, 1876, at Noon,—

The Whole of the Stock-in-trade, Shop Fittings, Machinery, Carpenter's, Engineer's, and Blacksmith's Tools, Household Furniture, &c., &c., &c., of or belonging to B. R. STANFORD, Shipwright, &c., on the Premises at Spring Gardens.

Further particulars will be shortly announced.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.17.

All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, April 24, 1876. my8

Shipping.

Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship "ACAMMON" will be despatched on or about the 6th May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, May 4, 1876. my6

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for TAIWANFOO and TAMSUI.)

The Steamship "YESSO," Captain PRINCE, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 7th Instant, at 10 a.m.

Cargo for Taiwanfoo and Tamsui will be forwarded from Amoy per S. S. HULLONG.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, May 4, 1876. my7

FOR COOKTOWN, BRISBANE AND SYDNEY.

(Taking through Cargo for MELBOURNE.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamship "SINGAPORE," Captain J. H. PARRIS, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 8th May, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, April 28, 1876. my8

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The Steamship "NORDEN," Captain JAMES, will leave for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 10th Inst., at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, May 4, 1876. my10

Shipping.

Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT)

Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for HANKOW, NINGPO & PORTS IN JAPAN.

The Company's Steamship "ANCHISES" will be despatched on or about the 8th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, May 2, 1876. my6

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)

The Steamship "LEONOR," Captain ARBANGURAN, will have immediate dispatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS

The Company's Steamship, "VOLGA," Captain NORDREY, which left YOKOHAMA on the 19th Instant, for this Port, will take Cargo hence to Marseilles at reduced rates, if sufficient inducement be given.

For Freight, apply to G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, May 2, 1876.

FOR MANILA.

The Spanish Steamer "SORSOGON," Captain LUZARZA, will have immediate dispatch for the above Port.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, May 2, 1876.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 British Ship "MARGARITE," JAMES OWEN, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN

For Sale.

SAYLE & Co. have opened their first delivery of New Goods for the coming Season, to which they invite special attention.

Ladies' and Children's Ready-made Costumes in a variety of Styles.

Morning Wrappers in Embroidered Linen, Printed, Cambric, White Brilliante and Muslin.

French Toilet Jackets.

Richly Embroidered Cambric Skirts.

A Large Assortment of Dress Materials in all the newest designs.

French Millinery of the latest fashions.

Boys' Holland Suits & Pinafores.

Ladies' Underclothing.

Ladies' and Children's Boots and Shoes.

Also,

A fresh supply of the "Little Wanzler" Sewing Machines.

Agents for Hongkong.

SAYLE & Co.,
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

FOR SALE.

In One Lot, or in Lots to suit Purchasers.

THE BUILDINGS, MACHINERY AND LAND belonging to the **BIEN HOA SUGAR FACTORY** (Cochin China), consisting of—

FIVE SUGAR MILLS, with accessories complete, Sheet-iron Troughs, Copper Boilers, Vacuum Pans, Five Turbines with Independent Engines, Concretors, &c., &c., &c.

Machines for Adjusting and Fitting, Turning Lathes, Boring Machine, &c., &c., &c.

One Gas Machine.

One Steam-Engine.

Spare Materials, Iron and Copper Pipes of various dimensions, &c., &c.

One Tug Boat, 50 H.P., 70 Tons, in good order.

One Steam Launch.

Fifteen large native Cargo Boats, in good order.

The Land and Buildings of the Estate, The Estate of Locan Bianhoa Province, comprising an area of about 300 Hectares, mostly cultivated.

Apply to

THE BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, SAIGON.

April 25, 1876. my25

To-day's Advertisements.

BRITISH SHIP BELTED WILL, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under- signed for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo, impeding the discharge of the Vessel, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, May 5, 1876.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs Douglas Lapraik & Co. to sell by Public Auction, on account of the concerned, on

THURSDAY,
the 11th Instant, at Noon, at his Office, Marine House, Queen's Road,—

The wrecked Str. "KWANGTUNG," now lying on shore on the South-East end of the Island of Ockseu.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7, payable on the fall of the hammer, and the wreck to be at purchaser's risk from that time.

W. KERFOOT HUGHES,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, May 5, 1876. my11

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

BREITENBERG, German barque, Captain E. Haje, —Melchers & Co.

ALBA, German barque, Capt. Lehmayr, —Melchers & Co.

LIEKE, British barque, Captain John Incey, —Broadbent, Anthony & Co.

TARTAN, German brig, Capt. Kaeffels, —Melchers & Co.

ORADO, British barque, Capt. Snadden, —Melchers & Co.

AFRIKANA, German barque, Captain Matson, —Wm. Pustau & Co.

MANGARITA, British ship, Capt. Owens, —Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

HOPE, British barque, Captain Boulton, —Gibb, Livingston & Co.

CONY, American ship, Captain William M. Day.

WILLIAM MANSON, British barque, Capt. G. King, —Adamsen, Bell & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI AND HANKOW.
The Russian Steamship "TOHATCHOFF," Saporoff, Master, shortly expected from Singapore, will have quick dispatch as above. For Freight or Passage, apply to **Wm. PUSTAU & Co.,** Agents.
Hongkong, May 5, 1876.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,
the 9th May, 1876, at 2 p.m., at his

Sale Rooms, Queen's Road,—

Sundry New English and Colonial-made HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising English-made Drawing-room Suites, Walnut Tables, Mahogany

Loo Table, Toilet Tables with Glasses, Mahogany Marble-top Tables and Wash-

stands, Vienna-made Chairs, Arm Chairs, and Couches, Wardrobes, Sideboards, Chest of Drawers, Chimney Glasses, Engravings, &c., &c.

Also,
One HARMONIUM.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, May 5, 1876. my9

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 5, *Chen-to*, Chinese gunboat, from Canton.

May 5, *William Manson*, British barque, 866, G. King, Sydney March 11, Coal.—**ADAMSON, BELL & Co.**

May 5, *Asia*, French steamer, 889, A. Pateau, Saigon May 1, Rice.—**STREASSEN & Co.**

May 5, *Braemar Castle*, British steamer, 1425, Marshall, Saigon May 1, Rice.—**ADAMSON, BELL & Co.**

May 5, *Belted Will*, British ship, 812, Branthwaite, London Dec. 30, General.—**OSBORN.**

DEPARTURES.

May 4, *Chow Sze*, for Bangkok.

5, *Anna Dorothea*, for Kaelung.

5, *Presto*, for Whampoa.

5, *Thales*, for Singapore and Penang.

5, *Kasia*, for Bangkok.

5, *Zamboanga*, for Amoy.

5, *Marie Haydon II*, for Whampoa.

CLEARED.

Norma, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.—Per *Asia*, Mr de Bons, and 5 Chinese.

Per *Braemar Castle*, 2 Chinese.

DEPARTED.—Per *Thales*, 140 Chinese.

To DEPART.—Per *Guadalup*, for Singapore, Private Tillman, 28th Regiment, Henry

berg, Major-General the Hon. Francis Colborne, C.B., Capt. Hardison, A.D.C., and native servant, Lieut. Col. Hall, R.A., and native servant, For Bombay, Lieut. Col. Wilkinson, For Melbourne, Mr and Mrs

South, For Southampton, Mr Arthur Hick, Miss C. Goodman, Mrs Swincock and two children, Messrs Chas. J. Noble, Wm. D. Sutton, G. McGregor, W. H. Taylor, Com-

mander Claude E. Buckle, R.N., Dr. Peter Burgess, and Mrs Lord.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British barque *Wm. Manson* reports: left Sydney at noon on 11th March, experienced N.E. and N.N.E. winds and heavy sea for several days after starting. Passed between New Caledonia and Fairway Reefs on March 24th. On the 30th and 31st the ship being between Solar and Santa Cruz Islands, experienced terrific squalls and heavy blinding rain, we being under close reefed topsails and reefed courses at the time. The barometer being 29.77, having fallen three-tenths suddenly, after this had light winds and calms to the Equator, which we crossed April 12th. On the 20th passed between Saipan and Bird Islands with moderate N.E. winds and fine weather which continued until reaching Sahee Channel on May 2nd. Across the China Seas had fresh N.E. and N.N.E. winds and fine weather. Passed Pedro Blanco at 5 p.m. yesterday, and got pilot on board at 9 p.m. The French steamer *Asia* reports: N.E. winds and fine weather throughout the passage. In latitude 20° N. and 139° 40' E. passed a German barque flying L.K.P.V., bound North.

The British str. *Braemar Castle* reports: N.E. winds and fine weather throughout the passage. Passed a British man-of-war barque-rigged, bound South, on morning of the 3rd inst. The Brit. ship *Fontenay* arrived at Saigon from Sourabaya, the morning of 1st and wished to be reported.

The British ship *Belted Will* reports: had 128 days' passage from London and 30 days from Amoy. Experienced light variable winds up the China Sea till arrival.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS WILL CLOSE:—

For SWATOW.—Per *NORNA*, at 8.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 6th Inst.

For BANGKOK.—Per *FREONIA*, at noon on Saturday, the 6th Instant.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.—Per *YESSO*, at 5 a.m. on Sunday, the 7th Inst.

For COOKTOWN, BRISBANE & SYDNEY.—Per *SINGAPORE*, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, the 8th May, instead of as previously notified.

Mails will also be made up for all parts of East Australia, Tasmania, and Melbourne.

For SAIGON.—Per *THINGYALLA*, at 5 p.m. on Monday, the 8th Inst.

For SINGAPORE & PENANG.—Per *NORDEN*, at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 10th Inst.

For BANGKOK.—Per *RAVANATTANAH*, at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 10th Inst.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet *GWALIOR*, will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the 6th May.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:

Friday, May 5,—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, May 6,—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until 11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom, *Brindisi* or to Singapore may be posted on board the Packet on payment of a Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage.

11.50 a.m., Posting on Board ceases.

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, April 24, 1876. my6

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *MEIKONG*, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 18th May, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via *Marseilles*; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seyohelle, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria.

Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA by this Packet, but can be paid only as far as Ceylon. The postage to Ceylon must be prepaid. Such letters should be marked *Paid to Galle only*; they will go on from Galle as unpaid.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:

Friday, 12th May.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 13th May.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom, *Saigon*, or *Singapore* may be posted on board of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, April 24, 1876. my6

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *CITY OF PEKING* will be despatched on MONDAY, the 15th Instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2 p.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m., Post Office closes.

2.30 p.m., Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra Postage until

2.50 p.m. when the Mail is finally closed.

Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet.

Letters, &c. can be posted for Canada, the West Indies, and other places named below, if sufficient American Stamps are added to prepay them from San Francisco to destination. American Stamps are sold at this Office.

The charge for Registry is 8 cents in Hongkong Stamps, and 10 cents in U.S. Stamps to those places only the names of which are printed in Italics. To all the other places named correspondence cannot be Registered through, but only to San Francisco (8 cents.)

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ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, May 1, 1876. my16

CARGO.

Per *Guadalup*, for London, 875 bales Raw Silk, 4 bales Waste Silk, 8 cases Pongee, and 485 bales Wool; for Continent, 64 bales Raw Silk.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, May 7:—

10 a.m.—Yesso leaves for Swatow, Amoy, and Fochow.

MONDAY, May 8:—

Noon.—Singapore leaves for Cooktown, Brisbane and Sydney.

Noon.—Sale of Stock-in-trade and Household Furniture, of Mr B. R. Stanford, Shipwright, at Spring Gardens.

Anchises leave for Shanghai on or about this date.

TUESDAY, May 9:—

2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture at Mr J. M. Armstrong's Sale Rooms.

Goods per *Asia* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

WEDNESDAY, May 10:—

2 p.m.—Norden leaves for Singapore and London.

THURSDAY, May 11:—

Noon.—Sale of the wreck of the Steamer *Acanytung*, at Mr W. Kerfoot Hughes' office.

FRIDAY, May 12:—

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

MONDAY, May 15:—

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

THURSDAY, June 1:—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer *Oceanic* leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Agamemnon leaves for London on or about this date.

Goods per *Glaucon* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Fleur de Caste* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Shipping Orders regarding Optional *Argo* or *Glaucon* for shipment per *Anchises* must be obtained from the Agents not later than this date.

Tenders Close.

Tenders for the Repairs of the British Barque *Vindex*, will be received by Capt. John Parkhouse up to Noon.

TO ADVERTISERS.

The attention of Advertisers is respectfully drawn to the fact that a copy of the *China Mail* has for some time past been placed on board of every Steamer and Sailing Vessel on arrival in this Harbour.

Facilities which have recently been placed within the reach of Captains and Officers of Ships have resulted in a material increase to the Subscription List of the *Mail* amongst the shipping in port; and as special arrangements have been made to increase the usefulness of the Shipping List and to extend the circulation in the Bay, these advantages will be at once apparent.

Orders may be sent to

GEO. MURRAY BAIN,
China Mail Office.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.50 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1876.

The *Shanghai Courier* states it is informed that the Yunnan Commissioners have completed their duties at Yunnanfu and are now en route for Burmah.

On the approach of the party to their destination, a number of deputies were dispatched from the various Yamen to meet them, and these officials accompanied Mr Grosvenor and his companions back to the city, where, on the 11th day of the 2nd moon (6th March), they were received in great state by the Viceroy, the Futai, the Taotai and the Provincial Judge, and handsomely banqueted for three days. So far the news of the Mission is very good, but some further information furnished by our contemporary respecting it is not quite so satisfactory.

We are told that the examination of the prisoners had been nearly finished by the time the commissioners arrived. This is a most surprising statement—so surprising indeed as to throw considerable doubt upon its accuracy. If it be true, then it is pretty certain that the main object of the Mission has been foiled.

The party were sent on this long and hazardous journey for the express purpose of being present at the trial and seeing that it was properly and fairly carried out, and bearing in mind the fact that it was well known at Yunnanfu as well as at Peking, that the Commissioners were on their way to the city with this object to commence and nearly finish the trial before their arrival would not be merely a matter of surprise, but could only be looked upon as an insult to the British Government.

The party is expected to reach Man- wye, on the borders of the province of Yunnan, on the 8th May, where they will be joined by the escort sent to meet them by the British Government. They will then pass through Burmah and it is satisfactory to know that they are not likely to meet with any difficulty while in this territory. The King of Burmah has recently shown himself to be very friendly disposed towards us. When the Katenee Boundary Commission were harassed by local opposition, representations were made to the King at Mandalay, with the result that he, at once sent off word that the Commissioners were to be assisted in every way, and it is most probable the party will find everything made pleasant for them in

Burmah. It is only in the dangerous

In one bore East. Steered N.N.E. ship going at the rate of one knot, got soundings in 8 and 7 fathoms, and let go anchor. Teomabal South point bore N.N.E. 1/2 E., Tubigan East point E.N.E. 1/2 E. Kulasein N.W., current set N.W. Sounded with the boat for about a mile to the N.E. of ship, found nothing less than 34 fathoms.

To the N.W. of Kulasein there is a small Sandbank which lies close to the point, this bank is marked on the Chart, but not in the right position.

Pandocan seems to be about the same length as Kulasein (4 to 5 miles) but does not stretch so far South as marked on charts; Kulasein stretches farther South than marked.

At 1 p.m. weighed and stood out N.E. by E. Alsek water soundings 6 to 8 fathoms and until 1 mile outside, then had 15 fathoms—North points of Teomabal and Tubigan bearing N.W. and S.E. distant 7 miles, course N.N.E. 3 miles, had no less water than from 6 to 7 fathoms; and could see no shoal water from the mast-head, current set to the N.W., the last cast of the lead had 50 fathoms.

When Teomabal bore South made Long. 120.54 East, Chronometer correct.

Steered for Mindanao with Southerly wind, had regular land and sea breezes along the Coast of Negros, Panoy, and Mindanao. Left Lubang 22nd, and arrived at Hongkong on the 29th April, with light N.E. and Easterly winds, current set S.W. Southerly 10 to 12 miles a day.

While passing through the Celebes, Sulu and Java Seas, and communicated with many fishing canoes, natives appeared very friendly, passed in sight of the town of Sulu.

SUPREME COURT.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before Chief Justice Sir JOHN SMALD.)

May 5, 1876.

In re John Spinks Hook, a petition was filed for adjudication as a bankrupt. The liabilities set down at from nine to ten thousand dollars, with no assets. His Lordship remarked on the absence of the petitioner's son and thought he was also liable for the debts. His Lordship would, however, adjourn the application, meantime he would read over the documents.

IN PROBATE.

In re the goods of W. H. Vickerman, deceased, Mr. Sharp appeared to apply for letters of administration *de bono non* on behalf of Colonel Moggeridge, the attorney for the divisors. The property was sworn under \$17,000. Granted.

In re the goods of Kum Chong, late sheriff to Messrs Douglas Laprak & Co., Mr. Breton applied for letters of administration to be granted to the widow, Kum Wong Shee. Granted, personally sworn under \$8,700.

In re the goods of F. A. Rangel, deceased, Mr. Breton applied to have, in place of Mr. Alexander's name, that of Mr. Hufman substituted as Official Administrator, the former being dead. His Lordship in granting the application suggested that Mr. Breton might petition the Government to remit the stamp duty on the second letters of administration, and authorised Mr. Breton to say, in his memorial, that if his Lordship had had the power, he would have remitted the stamp duty.

In re the goods of E. Estarico, deceased, the Official Administrator, Mr. Hufman, applied for letters of administration. Value of goods, \$325. The application was granted.

China.

CHINKIANG.

The latest excitement here, says a correspondent, writing on the 26th inst., is the disappearance of Captain Roach, of the *Jorcha Poyang*, who has been missing two days. It is supposed that he must have fallen into the river, whilst going on board. All search for him, up to the time of writing this, has been unavailing.—On the night of the 26th instant, a foreign hong was broken into, the thieves carrying off, as stated, about a chest of opium, together with \$250 in specie, but leaving behind them a bank order for Tls. 1,300, which was in the same box. Their mode of operation was to first break through the outer wall of the house, and then to open the front door, through which the plunder was carried off. The most curious part of the robbery was, that the thieves had to pass through a room in which two men were sleeping. These say the thieves must have had a "piece of burning sandalwood steeped in some narcotic, which stupefied them, and so prevented them hearing any noise." Following out the adage about "shutting the stable door when the steed is stolen," everyone now is on the *qui-vive*, and has ordered his watchman to keep a good look-out against a return of the experts.—The natives here have an idea that the wall now being built round the new Consulate grounds, and which takes in a good portion of the hill on which the building stands, is intended for a fort; and rumour adds that the Chinese authorities are going to enter a protest against the continuation of the work.—A native dealer, who had purchased goods here, and had got about 100 miles north of this on his return journey, was unable to proceed further, owing to want of water in the creeks. Some thieves, seeing his predicament, made a raid upon the boat, and lightened it of two bales of piece goods, possibly in the hope that the trader would then be able, through his boat drawing less water, to proceed to his destination.

Messrs. Spencer and Wolff, writing on the 28th instant, say:—The business in Grey Goods during the week under review has been very trivial, being confined almost entirely to the supply of local requirements. Stocks on the spot are small, and similar advice reach us from the country, so a demand may spring up at any moment. *Grey Shirtings*.—Good medium 8½s, and 7½s, cloth has been in some request, at prices ranging from Tls. 1.70 to Tls. 1.75 per piece for the former, and Tls. 1.40 to Tls. 1.45 for the latter. 2-Cloths—6½s, and 8½s, are entirely neglected, but sales of 7½s ordinary Merinos are reported at Tls. 1.26 to Tls. 1.34 per piece. *Sandwiches*.—Best quality is in fair enquiry, at Tls. 3.00 per piece. *Mahoe Opium*.—A further decline has taken place, and the highest figure obtainable is Tls. 433 for fine hard new drug.—*N. C. Daily News*.

RUKIANG.

27th April, 1876.

It is not written lately it is for the simple reason there has been nothing to write

about, but the near-approach of the tea season, the rapid rise of the river, with a few other items will furnish matter enough for a letter to-day, and perhaps be of some interest to your readers. First, then, must stand tea, being our principal manufacture and export, without which Kuikiang would hardly have a *raison d'être*. The report from the tea districts is that the leaf is abundant, and likely to be in early; my informant, an old citizen of Kuikiang, said there would be more tea this year than in any previous season. We are expecting several of the Chaszes from England to stop here this year, and not go on to Hankow. The river has risen very rapidly within the last ten days, and now stands registered twenty-seven feet, a rise of twenty-four feet since the 1st February; still we are not likely to be flooded this year owing to this early rise, which will make the navigation better for the tea steamers, some of which I suppose will be up in about ten days, for each year finds the season, or rather the tea, earlier than the previous one. The Agency of the China Navigation Company changed hands on the 1st, Messrs. Robert Anderson & Co. taking it over from Messrs. E. Francis & Co. The latter firm I believe are closing their house here altogether. Messrs. R. Anderson & Co. firm is very popular in Kuikiang, and they have shown a great deal of consideration to the employees of the late agency. I regret to have to tell you that we are losing our Commissioner of Customs, Mr. Kopsch, who goes to your port to take Mr. Taitor's place. Mr. Kopsch will leave here regretted by everybody, and if it is a satisfaction to know that we leave a place all the better for our residence, he will have it in a high degree. The store bund—the flourishing state of the Municipal funds—and other things, all show his care and thoughtfulness for the well-being of the place, in his position of Secretary to the Municipal Council. As Commissioner of Customs, his report on the trade of Kuikiang evinces constant care for its interest, and the present harmonious working of the Transit Pass, which the natives are using in greater numbers, and which the native officials opposed in every way, is due to the tact and good management of Mr. Kopsch, which has had a very marked influence in increasing our imports. These things being so it would not be right to allow one who has done so much for our prosperity to leave us without some acknowledgment of the same, and to assure him as members of the community that he carries with him our best wishes.

On the morning of the 22nd the French gunboat *Surprise* passed up without stopping, with Comte de Rochecouart on board. The *Surprise* returned yesterday from Hankow, but only remained a short time, when she continued her voyage to Shanghai. I have been trying to find out if the natives had any report of troubles in Kwangsi and Hupeh, but they know nothing about them. The French Bishop has gone to Peking, and the American Mission has opened a chapel in Suichang, where the row was, without any further trouble. The Rev. Mr. Hall and family have left for home on account of bad health. The H. W. Missionary Society are building a house in the city, and a large school for girls; the present school is too small, and from observing the "march past" on Sundays of the girls with clean and rosy faces, I should say Misses Howe and Hoag's management was very successful. A Chinese lorcha left here a few days ago, with a cargo of coal from the new coal mines above Wusueh, which are being worked by a Chinese official. Mr. Morris is "prospecting" for new fields. Messrs. Russell & Co. have finished their new hong, which standing in its own park-like grounds adds new beauty to the bund. I must not fail to mention that the Club has removed from the back street to the bund. Visitors will at once recognise it by the Gothic porch that adorns the front. The health of the community is good, owing no doubt to cricket and snipe shooting. The snipe however are not so fat as they were last year, when a crack shot bagged a lot weighing eight ounces, and several over that weight.—*Shanghai Courier Correspondent*.

Japan.

(Gazette.)

It is said that the foreign paper manufacturer at Oji, Tokio, belonging to the Mitsui bank, is to be bought by the Government.

The Roman Catholic Religion is said to be spreading in Sendai, Miyagi-ken, where the number of professors of that faith exceed five hundred.

During last month, 1,899 houses were broken into by robbers in Tokio, 289 of whom were arrested. The money stolen by them amounted to 1,900 yen.

Mr. Tanaka, Vice President of the *Monbusho*, and his wife, and Mr. Hatakeyama, Director of the Kaisai Gakko, are among the passengers by the *Colorado* to San Francisco.

A Buddhist temple, covering an area of 324 *tsubo*, is to be built, at an estimated cost of yen 260,000, on the site of the late temple at Shiba, Sannai, which was recently burnt down.

Complaints are still made of the popularity in Osaka of the game of billiards among the natives, who play in houses owned, really by Japanese, but ostensibly by foreigners. On the 14th instant ten persons who had been playing the seductive game were arrested and taken to the police station.

According to notification No. 17 of the *Monbusho*, a certain number of students will be sent to foreign countries to continue their studies. A competitive examination of candidates below twenty-three years of age, of sound bodily health and good character, will be held at the Tokio *Kaisei Gakko* during five weeks.

A riot is reported from the *Awamori-ken*. About fifteen hundred farmers armed with hoes and sickles assembled in the village of Tago, and the neighborhood on the 15th inst. The police attempted to disperse them and a *passé* took place, in the course of which two or three persons on both sides were injured. The riot, which originated in dissatisfaction with the land tax, was easily suppressed, and the ringleaders have been arrested.

The absurd and oppressive regulation which compels native passengers in foreign vessels to obtain passes from the *Kincho* before embarking in foreign vessels, under sundry pains and penalties, is already commencing to bear fruit. According to the *Minato-shinbun*, "twenty-two Japanese, who arrived in Kobe in the *Nevada* from Nagasaki on the 18th instant, were taken to the police-station, for having violated the regulation forbidding natives to embark on board foreign ships without passes. In defence they stated that they were in ignorance of the regulation." The native journal adds that it is not likely that they

will be released without incurring some penalty.

The *Akebono Shinbun* contains the following story which, for the credit of all foreigners in Japan, we hope to be, if not altogether unfounded at least greatly exaggerated. Should it, however, unfortunately turn out to be true we trust that the offender will be brought to a strict account:—"On the evening of the 11th inst., when a certain foreigner was passing Tsunagori, Tokio, in a *jintabaka*, another *jintabaka* in which were two Japanese women, happened to pass him. He got very angry, and knocked down the *jintabaka* man who had passed him. The *jintabaka* was upset and the two women, one of whom is said to be a wife of a *Kuwazaki*, were thrown out. The foreigner having struck them with his stick got into his *jintabaka* and went away at full speed, but was arrested by a policeman. He is said to be an employee of the *Monbusho*."

At Meyanachi, as we are informed by one of a party of gentlemen who lately returned from a holiday trip, there is quite a large school, which is conducted in the European style, and where the children are taught arithmetic according to the western principles, using Roman figures. Our informant arrived at Meyanachi, which is a small village about 30 miles from Yokohama, on Sunday afternoon and put up at a tea house on the road-side. Here they were visited by the schoolmaster, an intelligent looking Japanese, who invited them to inspect his school, which was on the opposite side of the road. On entering the school, all the children, to the number of about seventy, rose and saluted the guests. Forms and desks were arranged after the fashion of our own schools, and on the wall was the inevitable blackboard. One or two of the school-books were shown to the visitors. In the front page of one of them was the following motto, printed both in the English and native languages:—

If there's one thing that helps to make
A great and glorious nation
It is to give the little ones
A thorough education.

SHANGHAI GOSSIP.

A very elaborate pavilion is in course of erection in the Public Garden. It appears to be of somewhat Moorish design, and is shaped like a muffler. It is a great improvement, however, upon the old summer-house in every respect, and when finished will be quite an ornamental object. The nakedness of the rockery is being gradually hidden by vegetation which, of naturally rapid growth, will soon cover it decently; and the gold-fish are fat and flourishing. Indeed the whole garden begins to look charming. The lawns are smooth and green, thanks to the late rains and careful rolling; the flowers though few as yet are already looking very gay, and everything is being got into the most applicable of order for the summer months. Only two days ago we had the last performance of the winter season at the theatre, and now we are beginning to think about the first performance of the Wind Instrument Society in the public garden. Another month ought to see us fairly launched in the commencement of the hot weather; and, if there is any truth in the five-year theory, we are likely to have it very hot indeed. It may be remembered by a few what a severe summer it was in 1861; the summer of 1868 was equally trying, and many deaths occurred from heat set in in and anstrake; in 1871 the heat set in in May and continued with absolute ferocity straight away through to the 15th of September with hardly a break, and it was pitiful to see the pale drawn faces and laggard gait of the unfortunate ones who had had to face those trying months, unable to snatch a breath of cooler air at Chefoo or even at the hills, as they dragged themselves wearily about in the garden towards twilight. Here we are again in the fifth year: and the Chinese say it is likely to be a hotter season than we have had for some time. The moral of which we take to be:—Day in a good stock of strength and energy by being as much out of this stuffy settlement as possible, and breathing the pure air of the uplands or the invigorating breezes of the seas, before the summer comes.—*Shanghai Courier*.

CHANG IN SEARCH OF A WIFE.

The subterfuges to which the Chinese will sometimes resort to obtain the lady of their choice, are almost worthy of a more civilized race. Some few weeks ago a man of the name of Tang, residing at Footing, died, leaving a widow and two children. During his illness and after his death an old woman named Wang, who lived hard by, showed the afflicted family much liberality; and, as they were far from rich and dependent upon the exertions of the dying man for their livelihood, they were very thankful for the assistance. At length, however, the widow told her neighbour she really could not accept any more money, as she had already received over ten thousand cash, and was not in a position to make any adequate return. Mrs. Wang's eyes twinkled cunningly. "Don't distress yourself, my dear," said the crone. "You don't owe me anything. Did you really think all that money came out of my pocket? Oh no, you owe it all to some one else, and I'll be bound you'll have to pay it back with interest some of these fine days." The poor woman turned pale with dismay, and further enquiries elicited the fact that the real giver was a man named Chang, an ex-officer, who was hated far and wide as a bully and a sneak. Just then this very person appeared upon the scene, and coolly acquainted Mrs. Wang with his nefarious designs. He vowed that she should be his wife; he acknowledged that such had been his intention long before her husband died, and now that he was her creditor he had a right to choose his method of receiving payment.—"Now," said he, "I have got you into my power, and marry me you must. After pressing his detested suit some time he left her, and that night the poor woman ran away. She seems to have made for the monastery at Long-hwa for safety; but Chang was too quick for her, and he and his accomplices caught her on the way. Luckily however a friendly well-to-do happened to pass at the time, and to him the woman appealed. Mrs. Wang told him that the applicant owed them money, and was trying to escape; but Mrs. Tang's story appeared so true and simple that the well-to-do took her part, and placed both her and her children in a place of safety. "Now," said he to the bully, "you go and make out clear statement of your accounts, that I may see whether your claims are just; and if I find they're not—" The fellow slunk away, and has not been heard of since.—*Shanghai Courier*.

THE ISLAND OF SAGHALIEN.

(From the *Choya-shinbun*.)

Our northern region is one of the most important places of the Empire. The name of "Key of the north gate" has been given to it. Various disputes about the boundary in Sakhalin have often broken out between us and Russia. In the reign of the Tokugawa Government, missions were sent to decide the question of boundary. The Russians, however, contrived to become masters of the whole Island of Sakhalin, and were never anxious to decide the question of boundary. Meanwhile, owing to internal troubles, the Government could not finish their negotiations with Russia, and the invaders advanced. In the time of the revolution, our Government established the *Kaitakushi* (Agricultural Department) in Yezo, which island was divided into eleven provinces each containing eight counties, with Sapporo the capital, where was established the principal office of the *Kaitakushi*, which had also branch offices in the Island of Sakhalin. This was done in order to interrupt the advance of the Russians, but in vain. One people in the island were often embarrassed by them, and at length it became probable that a contest would break out between the two nations. So, our Government exchanged Sakhalin for the Kurile Islands to avoid trouble. This important event has been discussed by many patriots. In pursuit of the policy initiated by Peter the Great, the Russians have long desired to extend their dominion in other countries, under the pretence of preaching the Greek religion. Many missionaries of high standing among the Russians have entered our northern territory, where they preach to our foolish and spiritless countrymen, who believe in these Russian propagandists. If our Government delays any longer to oppose the advance of Russia, a frightful trouble will break out in our northern provinces.

Two or three years ago the *Kaitakushi* ordered a large number of merchants in O-ni to remove to Sapporo and advanced them money for their expenses. But now they have departed. Last year a certain number of *shiaku* settled there under the promise of support by the Government for three years. But we fear that at the end of this period the settlements will be unable to afford them the means of existence.—*Japan Gazette*.

THE NEW SCRIPTURES ACCORDING TO TYNDALL AND OTHERS.

1. Primarily, the Unknown moved upon atoms and evolved protoplasm.
2. And protoplasm was inorganic and undifferentiated, containing all things in potential energy; and a spirit of evolution moved upon the fluid mass.
3. And the Unknown said, Let atoms attract; and their contact begat light, heat, and electricity.
4. And the Unconditioned differentiated the atoms each after its kind; and their combinations begat rock, air, and water.
5. And there went out a spirit of evolution from the Unconditioned, and working in protoplasm, by accretion and absorption, produced the organic cell.
6. And cell, by nutrition, evolved primordial germ, and germ developed protogone, and protogone begat eozoon, and eozoon begat monad, and monad begat animalcule.
7. And animalcule begat ephemeris; then began creeping things to multiply on the face of the earth.
8. And earthy atom in vegetable protoplasm begat the molecule, and thence came all grass, and every herb in the earth.
9. And animalcule in the water evolved fins, tails, scales; and in the air, wings and beaks; and on the land they sprouted such organs as were necessary, as played upon by the environment.
10. And by accretion and absorption came the radiata and molluscs; and molluscs begat articulate, and articulate begat vertebrate.
11. Now these are the generations of the higher vertebrate, in the cosmic period that the Unknown evolved the bipedal mammalia.
12. And every man of the earth while he was yet a monkey, and the horse while he was a hippopotamus, and the hippopotamus before he was an aurochs.
13. Out of the ascidian came the amphibian, and begat the pentadactyle, and the pentadactyle by inheritance and selection produced the hylobate, from which are the simiads in all their tribes.
14. And out of the simiade the lemur prevailed above his fellows, and produced the platyrrhine monkey.
15. And the platyrrhine begat the catarrhine, and the catarrhine monkey begat the anthropoid monkey, and the ape begat longimanous orang, and the orang begat the chimpanzee, and the chimpanzee evolved the what-is-it.
16. And the what-is-it went into the land of Nod, and took him a wife of the longimanous gibbons.
17. And in process of the cosmic period were born unto them and their children the anthropomorphic primordial types.
18. The hominulites, the prognathus, the troglodyte, the autochthon, the terragen—these are the generations of primeval man.
19. And primeval man was naked and not ashamed, but lived in quadrumanous innocence, and struggled mightily to harmonise with the environment.
20. And by inheritance and natural selection did he progress from the stable and homogeneous to the complex and heterogeneous; for the weakest died, and the strongest grew and multiplied.
21. And man grew a thumb, for that he had need of it, and developed capacities for prey.
22. For behold the swiftest man caught the most animals, and the swiftest animals got away from the most men; and wherefore the slow animals were eaten, and the slow men starved to death.
23. And as types were differentiated, the weaker types continually disappeared.
24. And the earth was filled with violence; for man strove with man, and tribes with tribes, whereby they killed off the weak and foolish and secured the survival of the fittest.

COMMERCIAL.

Hongkong, May 5 1876.

Throughout the closing fortnight, a weak tone has prevailed in the market for Bengal Opium. As usual at this season of the year, the call for investments in the drug has been of a restricted nature, whilst the high cost of it has no incentive to the native dealers to operate, beyond seeking in the hands of the constituting towns. New Patna being less required for the holders of the drug showed no reluctance to work off the supply on hand, in view of lesser some drug soon arriving; and this tended

to a gradual decline of the rate for it. The rate for Old has ruled steady. The present quotations are 8612½ for New, and 8410 for Old.

For Old Benares the demand has been slack still, for local requirements; but the call from the Coast ports has been to a fair extent. The drug stands to-day at 8582½.

As yet there has been no importation for the month, whilst the receipts to the corresponding date last year were 3,061 chests. During the fortnight some 350 chests have been taken by the local consumers, against 400 chests at the corresponding fortnight last year. This, with the exportations, leave a stock computed at 900 chests, against 2,900 chests same time last year. Of this latter quantity 800 chests were Benares, of which kind the present stock consists of 200 chests. As there have been no imports to date hence the great disparity in the stocks.

Messrs. HEINEMANN & Co.'s Freight Circular for the Mail of Saturday, 6th May, says:—

Business during the fortnight has been principally in coasting charters, for although a moderate demand exists for tonnage homewards there are no ready vessels available at present. The number of suitable vessels in the harbour, however, is increasing, and freights are not likely to improve very soon.

Homewards, there is a small enquiry for tonnage to load here for London, and ships are wanted for the Philippines at late rates. For San Francisco nothing is offering.

Coastwise, a fair business was done in Saigon charters early in the fortnight, but during the past week demand has been slack. There is now a better feeling in the market, and rates for ready steamers may be quoted 18 to 19 cents, and for later arrivals 20 cents. Both steamers and sailing vessels are in demand for Bangkok at late rates. Employment from the Northern Ports is unusually scarce for this season of the year, and Newburgh freights are nominal.

The disengaged tonnage in port amounts to 33 vessels, registering 16,560 tons. The following are the settlements:—British barque *Mystery*, 424 tons, Swatow to Hongkong to London, private. British barque *Abney Cooper*, 690 tons, Manila to San Francisco, private. British barque *Marquis of Argyle*, 600 tons, to Melbourne and Sydney, private. German barque *Fallas*, 493 tons, to Batavia and Samarang, \$3,800 in full, 25 day days. British barque *Ricca Genova*, 626 tons, to Wampan (Cochin China) and back, \$4,500 in full, 40 day days.

Danish barque *Flensborg*, 388 tons, Wampan to Tientsin, \$3,400 in full. Nor. brig *Victor*, 247 tons, Wampan to Tientsin and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 56 cents per picul, 33 day days. British barque *Presto*, 384 tons, Wampan to Tientsin and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 56 cents per picul, 35 day days.

German barque *Marie Heydon II*, 286 tons, Wampan to Chefoo and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 88 cents per picul, 30 day days. German barque *Canton*, 365 tons, Newchwang to Hongkong, 29 cents per picul, 25 day days.

German barque *Beethoven*, 340 tons, Newchwang to Hongkong, 29 cents per picul, 25 day days.

British barque *Kassa*, 325 tons, Bangkok to Hongkong, (inside the Bar) 30 cents per picul, (outside the Bar) 25 cents per picul, 25 day days.

British barque *Ocean Chief*, 386 tons, Bangkok to Hongkong, (inside the Bar) 30 cents per picul, (outside the Bar) 25 cents per picul, 30 day days.

French barque *Notre Dame Auxiliatrice*, 539 tons, Saigon to Hongkong, 18 cents per picul, 25 day days.

British steamer *Duna*, 820 tons, Saigon to Hongkong, 19 cents per picul, 9 day days.

British steamer *City of Exeter*, 787 tons, Saigon to Hongkong, 19½ cents per picul, 7 day days.

British steamer *Glamis Castle*, 1,538 tons, Saigon to Hongkong, 21 cents per picul.

British steamer *Maharajah*, 994 tons, Saigon to Hongkong, 21 cents per picul, 10 day days.

British steamer *Arratoon Apear*, 959 tons, Saigon to Hongkong, 21 cents per picul, 10 day days.

German steamer *Cassandra*, 1,087 tons, Saigon to Hongkong, 21 cents per picul, 8 day days.

British steamer *Genoa*, 1,215 tons, Saigon to Hongkong, 20 cents per picul, 10 day days.

British steamer *Adria*, 781 tons, Saigon to Amoy, 27 cents per picul, 10 day days.

British steamer *Banfield*, 899 tons, to Singapore and Penang, \$4,500 in full.

German barque *Anna Dorothea*, 330 tons, Keelung to Hongkong, \$2 per ton of 50 cwt., 14 day days.

Messrs. DEACON & Co.'s Canton Market Report, dated 4th May, says:—

During the past fortnight settlements of Congou have been made to some extent, and are reported to amount to 12,000 boxes at Tls. 18½ to 20. Prices show no material alteration, though rather better value has been obtained than previously; late arrivals however show a decided falling off in quality. At Macao a fair amount of transactions has also taken place, and a considerable portion of the settlements is said to be for the American market.

A few masters of Scented teas have been shown on the market, but not in sufficient number to allow of an opinion being formed as to the quality of the crop. Scented flower is at present very scarce, and its general business will probably be restricted for a week or ten days. In our next issue we shall doubtless be able to advise the opening of our market.

The following are the shipments of New Season's Congou to date:—
Total as per last statement, 124,687 lbs.
April 20th, S.S. *Travaddy*, 64,280 " "
23rd, " *Nestor*, 84,282 " "
25th, " *Sindh*, 187,300 " "
Total, 436,862 lbs.
Shipments of Congou to this date last season were 1,585,408 lbs.
SILK.—Advices regarding the coming crop are still of a meagre character and few details as to probable output can be gathered. Owing to recent propitious weather however, prospects have assumed a more satisfactory aspect than hitherto, and the natives are now of opinion that the yield will be considerably in excess of what was anticipated a month ago. About 40% of the thread is said to be yellow.

Small samples are looked for in the course of a week or ten days, and Silk in bulk should commence arriving about a fortnight hence.

Underneath are figures of comparative Exports for past three Seasons:—

EXPORT FOR AMOY, TO DATE.

1875-76. 1874-75.

For Europe, 12,910 bbls. 8,766 bales.

United States, 5,880 bbls. 5,861 boxes.

Bombay, 5,040 pls. 4,529 piculs.

Waste, 3,300 pls. 5,974 bales.

Cocoons, 974 bbls. 1,491 bales.

IMPORTS.

LEAD.—The market has been quiet, and only a few sales are reported at declining rates. LB is quoted at \$8.40 to \$8.45 and WB at \$8.50 to \$8.55 per picul.

QUICKSILVER.—A further decline has taken place and quotations are \$88 to \$84 per picul.

SHIPPING.

The rate of freight to London per steamer is \$3.6 per ton of 40 cubic feet.

LOADING AND ON THE BERTH.—At Whampoa, None.

DEPARTURES.—From Whampoa, None.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, May 5, 1876.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, 815.

" Old Patna, cash, 817½.

" New Benares, cash, 807½.

" Old Benares, cash, 800.

" New Malwa, cash, 8

Mails.



STRAITS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediter-
ranean Ports, Southampton
and London;
Also,
Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and
Australia.

THE PARTICULARS AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
"WILLIAM," Captain J. O. BARTON, with
Her Majesty's Mail, Passengers, Specie,
and Cargo, will leave this for the above
places, on SATURDAY, the 6th May, at
Noon.

CARGO will be received on board until
Noon; SPECIE and PARCELS at the
Office until 2 P.M. on the 5th May.
For particulars regarding Freight and
Passage, apply at the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Office, Hongkong.

CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES
AND REQUIREMENTS.

A written declaration of the Contents and
Value of the Packages for the Overland Route
is required by the Egyptian Government, and
must be delivered by the Shippers to the Com-
pany's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or
with Parcels; and the Company do not hold
themselves responsible for any detention or
prejudice which may happen from incorrect-
ness on such declaration.

Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's
Bills of Lading.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co. reserve the
option of forwarding all Goods ship-
ping by their Steamers for Europe through
Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal in their
own Steamers, or in vessels employed for
the purpose.

A. HOLVER, Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, April 23, 1876. my6

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer "CITY OF
PEKING" will be despatched for San
Francisco, via Yokohama, on MONDAY,
the 15th May, 1876, at 3 P.M., taking
Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the
United States, and Europe.
Through Passenger Tickets and Bills
of Lading are issued for transportation to
Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San
Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and
South America, and to New York and
Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.
A Steamer of the Mitsui Bishi S. S. Com-
pany will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea
Ports, about same date, and make close
connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection
of various lines of Steamers to England,
France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until
4 P.M. 15th Proximo. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 P.M.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full value of same
is required.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, Knap West.

G. R. EMORY, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, April 15, 1876. my15

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL

and
UNION-PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "OCEANIC" will be de-
scribed for San Francisco, via Yokohama,
on THURSDAY, the 1st June,
at 3 P.M., taking Cargo and Passengers
for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 P.M. of 31st Instant. Parcel Packages
will be received at the Office until 5 P.M.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full value of same
is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6
months are issued at a reduction of 30 per
cent, on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight
and Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, Knap West.

G. R. EMORY, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, May 1, 1876. joi

DUC DE MONTEBELLO CARTE
BLANCHE CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts, \$15 per case (1 dozen).
Pints, \$10 " " " "
6 per cent. discount on 25 cases.

Bourbon WHISKY.
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FOR SALE BY HARRIS & Co.

Hongkong, June 2, 1876. H.

Insurances.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant
Policies against Fire to the extent of
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

YANG-TSE INSURANCE ASSOCIA-
TION OF SHANGHAI.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS, 800,000 TAELS.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to
all parts of the world at current rates.
This Association will, until further no-
tice, provide out of the earnings, first for
an interest dividend of 15% to Share-
holders on Capital, and thereafter distrib-
uted among Policy holders, annually, in
cash, ALL the Profits of the Underwriting
Business pro rata to amount of premium
contributed.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 9, 1876.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Coals in Matched, on Goods on board
Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Har-
bour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.
Proposals for Life Insurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to \$1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBBERG & Co.
Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1876.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Sagun and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEE.

JAS. B. COUGHTREY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER
AND LONDON.

THE Underigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of

His Majesty King George The Third,

A. D. 1720.

THE Underigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding
\$5,000 on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 26, 1872.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY.
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits
are distributed annually to Contributors,
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premiums contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

OLYMPHANT & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1875.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIA-
TION OF SHANGHAI.

NOTICE.

AFTER this date, the above Association
will allow a Brokerage of Thirty
cents and One Third per cent. (33 1/3%) on
Local Risks only.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, June 3, 1876.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Underigned Agents are in receipt
of instructions from the Board of
Directors authorizing them to issue Policies
to the extent of \$10,000 on any one fire
class risk, or to the extent of \$15,000 on
adjoining risks at current rates.

A Discount of 20% allowed.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, January 9, 1876.

Insurances.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY, ADELAIDE.

CAPITAL, £500,000.

THE Underigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company in
Hongkong, China and Japan, are prepared
to issue Policies of Marine Insurance,
payable in Australia, London, Calcutta,
Bombay, Mauritius, China and Japan at
current rates.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.
Hongkong, September 6, 1875. j71

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL
INSURANCE CO.

THE Underigned having been appointed
Agents in Hongkong, for the above-
named Company, is prepared to grant
Policies against Fire, on Buildings and on
Goods to the extent of \$10,000, at the
usual rates, subject to an immediate dis-
count of 20%.

Attention is invited to a considerable
reduction in Premiums for Life Insurance in
China.

Life Policies effected during the year
1875, share in the Bonus to be declared on
31st December for the quinquennial period
then ending.

A. MACG. HEATON.
Hongkong, September 27, 1875.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL—£2,000,000.

THE Underigned, Agents at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared to
grant Policies against FIRE, to the
extent of \$10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1876.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surances at current rates.

MELOHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, July 6, 1876.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE Underigned beg respectfully to
inform the Public that they have
Established themselves as

BUTCHERS AND GENERAL
COMPRADORES,

At No. 1, Graham Street,

And are prepared to Supply Fresh and Salt
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RITS and ALCOHOLS of every description.

MATHEW & Co.
Hongkong, March 25, 1876. my6

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that all CRE-
DITORS and other Persons having
any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or
against the Estate of JOHN WOTTER-
SPON, late of Bangkok, in the Kingdom
of Siam, who died on the 6th day of July,
1871, and whose Will was duly proved in
the Probate Jurisdiction of the Supreme
Court of Hongkong by WILLIAM HENRY
BREBETON, of 29, Queen's Road, Hong-
kong, Solicitor, to whom Letters of Admin-
istration with the Will annexed were duly
granted by the said Court on the 10th day
of March, 1876, are hereby required to
SEND in writing the PARTICULARS of
their Claims or Demands to the said WILLIAM
HENRY BREBETON, on or before the
1st day of July next; and notice is hereby
also given, that at the expiration of the last
mentioned day the said WILLIAM HENRY
BREBETON will proceed to distribute the
Assets of the said JOHN WOTTERSPON
amongst the parties entitled thereto, having
regard to the Claims of which he has then
had notice; and that the said WILLIAM
HENRY BREBETON will not be liable for the
Assets or any part thereof so distributed to
any person of whose Claims he has not
had notice at the time of the distribution.

Dated this 29th day of March, 1876.

W. H. BREBETON,
29, Queen's Road, Hongkong,
Solicitor.

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China Mail Office.
Hongkong, March 11, 1876.

Intimations.

THE MERCHANTS' MARINE INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY, LIMITED,
OF LONDON.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £500,000.

THE Underigned, having been appoint-
ed Agents in Hongkong for the above
Company, are prepared to issue Policies of
Marine Insurance at current rates, payable
in London, India, Australia, New Zealand,
Straits, Mauritius, Java, Manila, China,
Japan, California, &c. &c.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.
Hongkong, March 24, 1876. j24

STAFFORDSHIRE FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED, OF HANLEY.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £250,000.

THE Underigned, having been appoint-
ed Agents in Hongkong and Shanghai
for the above Company, are prepared to
issue Policies of Fire Insurance at current
rates.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 24, 1876. j24

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

THE Wreck of the P. M. S. S. Japan
lies 20 miles S. 38° E. of Breaker
Point: a Buoy marks the locality, and
the steamer Japan and schooner Loder
are anchored over the wreck.

Masters of Vessels are requested to avoid
a near approach at night or during thick
weather.

W. H. RAY,
Hongkong, April 28, 1876. my6

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AN Experienced European FEMALE to
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JUST RECEIVED,
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(Also with occupation from 1st May next.)

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now in the occupation of Mr. HAUGSTAD.

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Dr. STOUT.

The Dwelling House No. 2, Gough
Street, occupation from 1st June.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

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Hongkong, March 30, 1876.

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